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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT CH

SUBJ: TA KUNG NOTES ISSUES RAISED OVER EXAMS, BIRTH CONTROL

REF: A. HONG KONG 8067; B. HONG KONG 8216

1. IN ITS WEEKLY REVIEW COLUMN, "THE LAST WEEK," THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE HONG KONG COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER TA KUNG PAO AUGUST 16 SINGLES OUT FOR MENTION THE UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION ISSUE (REF A) AND ALSO THE PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLES ON BIRTH CONTROL (REF B).

2. ON THE EXAM, THE COLUMN SAYS THAT THE MATTER HAS BEEN "SPLASHED ON THE FRONT PAGES OF NEWSPAPERS ALL OVER CHINA," AND OFFERS THE VIEW THAT "THE NECESSITY OF WRITTEN TESTS...HAS BEEN UPHELD. THE ISSUE IS NOW TO WHAT EXTENT SUCH TESTS SHOULD DECIDE THE ADMISSION OF A STUDENT...AND WHAT KIND OF TESTS HE SHOULD GO THROUGH."

3. ON THE FAMILY PLANNING ARTICLES, THE COLUMN HIGHLIGHTS THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIEW THAT "FAMILY PLANNING CANNOT BE PUSHED BY ADMINISTRATIVE

ORDERS BUT BY METICULOUS EDUCATIONAL WORK."

4. IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE THAT TA KUNG PAO WOULD WANT TO PUT A GLOSS ON THE EXAM ISSUE, BECAUSE IT IS TOO BIG TO HIDE. THE BIRTH CONTROL ITEM, HOWEVER, SEEMED TO US TO BE MODERATELY OBSCURE, AND TOTALLY WITHOUT THE PUBLICITY AVAILABLE GUIDANCE PEKING HAS PROVIDED IN THE CASE OF THE EXAM ISSUE. IN ANY EVENT, THE LOCAL CADRE APPEAR TO BE ON THE SAME TRACK WITH US IN THINKING THAT IT IS IMPORTANT.

5. TEXT OF THESE PASSAGES, WHICH COMPRISE ROUGHLY HALF OF THE COLUMN, IS BEING SENT IN FBIS CHANNEL.  
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